Introduction of life skills education

1997. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce life skills education in all schools in all States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and,

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Under the Adolescence Education Programme, life skills education has been introduced as a co-curricular component for use in Government and Government aided secondary and senior secondary schools in States and Union Territories.

Elementary education as fundamental right

1998. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a constitutional amendment making elementary education a fundamental right, but the said amendment has so far not been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons for not fulfilling the constitutional obligation;

(c) whether efforts are being made to create conditions to enable children to enjoy their right;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002, which came into force on 13th December 2002, makes free and compulsory education a Fundamental Right for all children in the age-group 6-14 years by inserting a new Article 21-A in part III ("Fundamental Right") of the Constitution.

Based on the report of a committee set up by the reconstituted Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) to suggest a draft of the legislation envisaged under Article 21A, a draft Right to Education Bill